IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0608] with the following amended paragraph:

[0607]   The 8 gene predictor set (89% accuracy) was selected for test set prediction. The 8 gene set consists of TLR2, LGALS3, DKFZP586E1621, SOD2, EEF1A2, BRF2, SNRPG, and NUMA1. FIG. 4 shows the relative expression levels of the 8 predictive genes in the training set. Each gene is represented by its respective qualifier. Graphically presented are the 4 genes elevated in RCC relative to normal PBMCs (TLR2, LGALS3, DKFZP586E1621, and SOD-2) and the 4 repressed genes in RCC relative to normal PBMCs (EEF1A2, BRF2, SNRPG, and NUMA1). The expression level increases from blue to ~~read~~red.